

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Koch under LB 403 now, and I understand it from school districts that the Legislature has not provided ample funds, but these programs shall be provided by the school district and the school districts are incurring costs because we have not provided ample funds, is this true?

SENATOR KOCH: In the past this has been historically correct. However, we have, I think, modified it to the point where we work on last year's ADM....

PRESIDENT: You have one minute, Senator Dworak.

SENATOR KOCH:....as a result we will be able to, I think, maintain a degree of integrity with the schools to assure them that those programs will be funded for the excess costs.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Koch, with this funding and this situation then, the schools will not have any cost for handicapped youngsters that are not provided to them by the Legislature. In other words all school costs, no normal school cost is for handicapped youngsters, because that is all being provided for....that will be provided for under the Legislature.

SENATOR KOCH: The amount of money that we are talking about, certainly the schools will incur certain costs but would function just like we presently work under the rules and regulations of 403.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you, Senator Koch. I just might again point out that many school people indicate to me that one of the problems with their escalating costs, the reasons that their costs are escalating is that because this legislature has mandated programs in this specific area and we have not provided adequate funds. Now....

PRESIDENT: Time is up.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Motion on the desk Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Senator Frank Lewis moves to amend (Read Lewis amendment).

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Distinguished President and members of the body. I first of all do not wish to relinquish my time in regard to the bill itself, I will have some comments on that later. But now I would like to address myself specifically to the two amendments that I have and I'll start with the first one the Clerk read. In an attempt to see that the least possible strain is placed on capital construction or capital facilities for the school district, this amendment says that programs serving children below the age of three as much as possible, it will be based upon providing parent training in their home environment.